

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 – 8:00 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Vice Chair Diane Laurent-Wolff, Marla Butts, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Patty LaCasse, Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman (Agent)

Absent: Mark Parker, Carl Knittel

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Diane Laurent-Wolff at 8:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Woody Durst, Marla Butts, Patty LaCasse, Diane Laurent-Wolff

III. Appointment of Alternates – None

IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 1, 2016

Action on minutes has been delayed since D. Wolff will be abstaining and not enough commissioners to approve.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business

1. 09-16-12 Lance & Michelle Bouchard, 188 Baxter Rd. – cattail removal from beach and adding sand to the beach area

Lance Bouchard, applicant and property owner, is present to answer questions. He states that he removed cattails about 15 years ago by hand and did not keep up with it and now it's a much bigger project. He is proposing getting in with equipment, unsure as to cubic yards of excavation but guessing about 45. He would like to bring in a tri-axle of sand, approximately 18 yards. 160 feet of the lakefront contains over-abundance of cattails. Area is about 20' x 20' for beach area. Cattails go out about 15 feet. The area of disturbance was estimated at 10' to 15' feet by 160'. The cattail removal is what they would like to do immediately and adding sand to beach area will be later on. They want to include this on the permit so they don't have to come back to the Agency for review. Lake will be lowered 1st week of October, and work to be done after that date. Drawing submitted with application does not show the location for placement of sand identified. IWWA requests the following for the next meeting:

- Modification of the drawing to show the placement of sand;
- Written authorization for proposed work from the Quasset Lake District

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ACCEPT APPLICATION #09-16-12 WITH A REQUEST THAT THE APPLICANT REVISE THE DRAWINGS TO SHOW THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF SAND PLACEMENT AS WELL AS THE EXTENT AND FOOTPRINT OF THE EXCAVATION, AND SOME KIND OF DOCUMENTATION FROM THE LAKE ASSOCIATION THAT THEY ARE OK WITH THE WORK PROPOSED ON THE APPLICATION. SECONDED BY P. LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED. (Diane Wolff abstains.)

Additional comment from M. Butts for applicant to find out what kind of truck will be used, if water tight or not, because if excavated material is not being de-watered, then it could leak from the trucks onto the roadway and cause slippery conditions.

VII. WETLANDS AGENT ACTIVITY REPORT

1. No wetlands sign-offs in last 2 months, as stated by Agent, T Bellman. He did respond to a complaint of possible wetlands filling behind the vet clinic on Rte 171. It appeared that the driveway was being extended, fill was brought in. He stated he did visit the site, could not determine whether the area had wetlands or not, asked that a letter be sent out to the property owner. He went on vacation and T. Lajoie then continued the investigation and she went out to the site and met with the office manager who explained that the work was complete, was done by Donny D., licensed contractor. T. Lajoie commented that silt fence was up and her review of the NECCOG GIS map did not show wetland soils in this location. Erosion was evident due to recent heavy rain, but did not appear to be wetland soils in area of disturbance. She confirmed that the work was complete, spoke with Donny D. who agreed to stop in to speak with Terry about the project. Parking area was extended about 10 feet.

2. Another complaint was brought to T. Bellman's attention by M. Butts regarding the Woodstock Farms. A barrier was installed across the brook to raise the water elevation by about 2 feet or so. Originally it may have been to make a pool of water for irrigation. It's well past irrigation time and it's still in place and it pools water. **T. Bellman will follow-up on this issue** for next month. It appears to create an obstruction to fish passage and also has a FEMA floodplain on it.

VIII. Citizen's comments / other topics

1. Johnstone Pond Dam, letter from DEEP dated 08-24-16 regarding dam classification, which is B. Requires an inspection every 7 years. Per M. Butts, after a discussion with Mr. Cohen, an engineering firm was hired to go inspect and a few issues were found. Some maintenance work was done.

2. CT Assoc of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission letter, 08-15-16 Workshop in November in Rocky Hill. M. Butts will be signing up and will advise via e-mail on what she will be taking.

3. Stonebridge Press, legal ad invoice --07-16-11 (QLD) legal results ad, \$14.70. No vote is required. D. Wolff signed off on bill.

IX. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY M. BUTTS, SECONDED BY P. LACASSE AT 08:27 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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